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“A Ball for Daisy” Lesson Plans

Grade: 5

Subject: Reading

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Objective: Compare and Contrast information

Common Core State Standard: Literature 3: Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact)

Materials: one copy of “A Ball for Daisy” by Chris Raschka; a class set of Venn diagram graphic organizer worksheets

Lesson Outline:

1. Introduce
   1. Teacher will explain the following:
      1. To compare and contrast, readers notice how characters and other things in the story are alike and different
      2. As you read, ask yourself, “How are these two things alike, and how are they different?” Answering the question will help you understand what you are reading
2. Teach
   1. Teacher will “read” (show pictures) “A Ball for Daisy” to the class to model how to compare and contrast information
   2. After” reading”, teacher will ask students to find the differences and similarities of the blue and red and balls that Daisy had in the story
3. Practice and Assess
   1. Teacher will distribute Venn diagram graphic organizer worksheets to each student.
   2. Students will complete the graphic organizer by identifying the differences and similarities of the blue and red balls
   3. Students will use information from graphic organizer to compose a paragraph about the similarities and differences of the blue and red balls in “A Ball for Daisy”